They find it extremely difficult to make both ends meet and a small measure of relief is proposed to be given to them by raising their salary from Rs. 15 to Rs. 20 by increments of half a rupee per year. It is only a very small increment. But since the number is very large the total additional expenditure comes to Rs. 2,870. As the allotment under Education made no provision for any such contingency and as this little measure of justice has to be given to the Quran teachers, I earnestly request that this House may be pleased to sanction this additional allotment of Rs. 2,870.

President.—The question before the House is that a supplementary grant of Rs. 2,870 under XIX. Education be voted by the House.

Demand put and carried.

8. Education—Cranganur—Rs.315.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Here also there is a slight printer's error. The figure ought to be Rs. 315. The purpose of this additional grant also is identical to the previous one. The only difference is that it applies to the principality of Cranganur. Therefore there is no necessity for further explanation from me. I request the House may be pleased to sanction this grant also.

President.—The question before the House is that a supplementary grant of Rs. 315 under Education—Cranganur—be voted by the House.

Demand put and carried.

9. Public works—Rs. 10,856.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 10,856 under 28—Public Works. I shall briefly explain the circumstances that necessitated this additional grant. Towards the end of last year the Secretary, Ernakulam Bar Association brought to the notice of the Government the desirability of raising the building under construction for the additional District Court into a two storeyed one. Since it seemed very probable that further accommodation would be required the additional storey was found to be desirable, but as the suggestion was made only towards the end of Karkadagam it was not possible to provide for the expenditure in the 1107 budget.

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The work is in progress. An amount of Rs. 17,226 would be necessary to complete the work this year. Out of this a sum of Rs. 6,370 being the amount of the pending bills of the contractor was sanctioned to be paid under section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, as otherwise the work would be forced to be suspended for want of money. The balance amount of Rs. 10,856 is required for completing the work. I pray this House may be pleased to grant the amount.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 10,856 under Public Works by Re. 1*:

മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—മട്ടാഞ്ചേരി കനാൽ ജറ്റിയുടെ തെക്കുവശമുള്ള മൈതാനം കച്ചവടക്കാർക്ക് ലേലം ചെയ്തു കൊടുക്കുവാൻ പോകുന്നു എന്നൊരു ശ്രുതിയുണ്ട്. അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്യുന്നതായാൽ അവിടെയുള്ള ജനങ്ങളുടെ ഏകാവിശ്രമസ്ഥലം പൊയ്പോകുന്നതാണ്. ആ സ്ഥലം അങ്ങിനെ കൊടുത്തുകളയരുതെന്നു താഴ്മ്മയിനെ ധരിപ്പിപ്പാനാണ് ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുള്ളതു. ആ സ്ഥലം അങ്ങിനെ കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Several petitions have been received for leasing the building for fruitstall, etc. But I have not sanctioned any of them.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—മൈതാനത്തിനൊ കെട്ടിടത്തിനൊ അപേക്ഷകൾ വന്നിട്ടുള്ളതു?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Buildings.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is the foundation sufficient for a second storey?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The foundation is sufficient. There was already the idea to convert it into a two storeyed one. In Ernakulam we generally calculate for two storeyed buildings when designing foundations.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Why a partiality for Ernakulam? Why can't you do it in other places also?

മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—മൈതാനത്തിനു അപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ—

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I don't think.

മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—ആ സ്ഥലം വല്ലവക്കും കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ? പുതുതായി പണിതിട്ടുള്ള ജട്ടിയുടെ അടുത്തുള്ള മൈതാനസ്ഥലം?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is no intention of leasing any portion of the maidan.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I withdraw the motion.

Motion withdrawn with leave of the House.

President.—The question before the House is that a supplementary grant of Rs. 10,856 under Public Works be voted by the House.

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